

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0012] as indicated below.

[0012] Also, according to another embodiment, in the speech codec mode selection the target level of residual error in coding and the bit rate of the codec mode to be selected are advantageously adapted to the average bit rate employed on a traffic channel in the telecommunications network. The minimized bit rate of the speech coding results in a reduced average bit rate of the traffic channel, which is particularly useful in CDMA-based systems.